

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-6 (Cancelled).

Claims 7 (Currently Amended): A radio communication method of a base station controlling apparatus used for a radio communication system including said base station controller, a plurality of base stations and a plurality of mobile stations, employing CDMA (Code Division Multiple Access) for radio access and providing multi-rate transmission, the radio communication method comprising steps of:

~~step of~~ transmitting code information by message to one of the plurality of base stations, said code information for switching from a first code being used to a second code, so as to enable the one of the plurality of base stations to transmit timing information by message and to switch from the first code to the second code based on the code information transmitted, the switching at the one of the plurality of base stations conducted in synchronization with the switching of the first code to the second code at the one of the plurality of mobile stations, the one of the plurality of mobile stations switching from the first code to the second code based on the timing information transmitted by the one of the plurality of base stations, and

~~step of~~ receiving a completion message from the one of the plurality of mobile stations, said completion message indicating to indicate completion of the step of switching from the first code to the second code at the one of the plurality of mobile stations at one of the plurality of mobile stations, wherein

the timing information ~~including~~ includes an integer representing a frame at which the first code is switched to the second code.

Claims 8-12 (Cancelled).

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): A base station controlling apparatus used for a radio communication system including said base station controller, a plurality of base stations and a plurality of mobile stations, employing CDMA (Code Division Multiple Access) for radio access and providing multi-rate transmission, the base station controlling apparatus comprising

a code switching informing unit configured to transmit code information by message to one of the plurality of base stations, said code information for switching from a first code being used to a second code, so as to enable the one of the plurality of base stations to transmit timing information by message and to switch from the first code to the second code based on the code information transmitted, the switching at the one of the plurality of base stations conducted in synchronization with the switching of the first code to the second code at the one of the plurality of mobile stations, the one of the plurality of mobile stations switching from the first code to the second code based on the timing information transmitted by the one of the plurality of base stations; and

a code releasing unit configured to receive a completion message from the one of the plurality of mobile stations, said completion message indicating to indicate completion of switching from the first code to the second code at the one of the plurality of mobile stations ~~at the one of the plurality of mobile stations~~, wherein

the timing information ~~including~~ includes an integer representing a frame at which the first code is switched to the second code.

Claims 14-18 (Cancelled).

Claim 19 (New): A radio communication method of a base station controlling apparatus used for a radio communication system including said base station controlling apparatus, a plurality of base stations and a plurality of mobile stations, said system employing CDMA (Code Division Multiple Access) for radio access and providing multi-rate transmission, the radio communication method comprising steps of:

transmitting code information by message from the base station controller to one of the plurality of base stations; and

receiving a completion message from the one of a plurality of mobile stations to indicate completion of a step of switching from a first code to a second code at the one of the plurality of mobile stations, wherein

said code information is configured to enable the one of the plurality of base stations to transmit timing information by message to the one of the plurality of base stations and to switch from the first code to the second code at both the one of the plurality of base stations and the one of said plurality of mobile stations based on the timing information and code information, and

the timing information includes an integer representing a frame at which the first code is switched to the second code.

Claim 20 (New): A base station controlling apparatus used for a radio communication system including a plurality of base stations and a plurality of mobile stations, employing CDMA (Code Division Multiple Access) for radio access and providing multi-rate transmission, the base station controlling apparatus comprising

a code switching informing unit configured to transmit code information by message from the base station controller to one of the plurality of base stations; and

a code releasing unit configured to receive a completion message from the one of the plurality of mobile stations to indicate completion of a step of switching from a first code to a second code at the one of the plurality of mobile stations, wherein

said code information is configured to enable the one of the plurality of base stations to transmit timing information by message to the one of the plurality of mobile stations and to switch from the first code to the second code at both the one of the plurality of base stations and the one of said plurality of mobile stations based on the timing information and code information, and

the timing information includes an integer representing a frame at which the first code is switched to the second code.